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Wednesday Service

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11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Anointing

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

THE GREETING: Rev. Canon Simon Bell

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Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE: **Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

THE COLLECT

All: **Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PSALMS

Psalm 119:25-48

Leader: I am laid low in the dust;

People: preserve my life according to your word.

Leader: I gave an account of my ways and you answered me;

People: teach me your decrees.

Leader: Cause me to understand the way of your precepts,

People: that I may meditate on your wonderful deeds.

Leader: My soul is weary with sorrow;

People: strengthen me according to your word.

Leader: Keep me from deceitful ways;

People: be gracious to me and teach me your law.

Leader: I have chosen the way of faithfulness;

People: I have set my heart on your laws.

Leader: I hold fast to your statutes, LORD;

People: do not let me be put to shame.

Leader: I run in the path of your commands,

People: for you have broadened my understanding.

Leader: Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees,

People: that I may follow it to the end.

Leader: Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law

People: and obey it with all my heart.

Leader: Direct me in the path of your commands,

People: for there I find delight.

Leader: Turn my heart toward your statutes

People: and not toward selfish gain.

Leader: Turn my eyes away from worthless things;

People: preserve my life according to your word.

Leader: Fulfill your promise to your servant,

People: so that you may be feared.

Leader: Take away the disgrace I dread,

People: for your laws are good.

Leader: How I long for your precepts!

People: In your righteousness preserve my life.

Leader: May your unfailing love come to me, LORD,

People: your salvation, according to your promise;

Leader: then I can answer anyone who taunts me,

People: for I trust in your word.

Leader: Never take your word of truth from my mouth,

People: for I have put my hope in your laws.

Leader: I will always obey your law,

People: for ever and ever.

Leader: I will walk about in freedom,

People: for I have sought out your precepts.

Leader: I will speak of your statutes before kings

People: and will not be put to shame,

Leader: for I delight in your commands

People: because I love them.

Leader: I reach out for your commands, which I love,

People: that I may meditate on your decrees.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Romans 11:25-36

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ROMANS

I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved.

As it is written:

“The deliverer will come from Zion;
he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.
And this is my covenant with them
when I take away their sins.”

As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience,³¹ so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now^[d] receive mercy as a result of God’s mercy to you.³² For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and^[e] knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?” For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

(All stand for the Gospel)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Matthew

People: **Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ**

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick, and you looked after me, I was in prison, and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry, and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger, and

you did not invite me in, I needed clothes, and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison, and you did not look after me.’

“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me. “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Simon Bell

The least of these Matthew 25:31-46

The image of the sheep and goats in Matthew’s Gospel forms such a stark contrast for us. So often we think of “our salvation” in terms of faith and grace, but in this image, it is the profoundly practical that becomes the measure of the kingdom: feeding the hungry, giving water to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, caring for the sick and visiting the prisoner. They are such profoundly simple action – feeding, quenching, welcoming, clothing, healing, visiting - that deal with real issues – hunger, thirst, alienation, nakedness, injury/illness and vulnerability. They are such practical solutions to the human plight. But they are more than that.

They embody values: treating people with human dignity, worth, grace and compassion. They embody perspective: seeing people as people and not as objects or problems. They embody an outlook on life: generosity, care, valuing the other and those in need. They move beyond self-interest to seeking out the welfare of others.

In every sense as much as they might be the marks of the kingdom, they should be embodied by the church. These are the very actions that we should aspire to, the very values that we should embody, the very perspective or outlook or lens through which we should see humanity.

But there is a deeper theological truth contained in these actions – that the incarnation, Christ with us, is embodied and made real in those in need. It is a continuation of the idea from the opening chapters of Genesis that we, as humanity, are created in the image of God. But it takes it one step further because it suggests that Christ is embodied in the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick and imprisoned. That our worship is made real when we feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, cloth the naked, care for the sick and visit the prisoner. That without those markers we have not worshipped, but rather turned our back on Christ and failed to serve Christ in others.

One of the things I love about the passage is in the surprise of the listeners, “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’” They clearly had no idea that what they were doing was worship or that they had encountered Christ in any way, just as those who failed in their care did not realize that it was Jesus who they neglected.

Each and every day we have an opportunity as individuals and a community of faith to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, cloth the naked, care for the sick and visit the prisoner. Each and every day we as individuals and as a community have the opportunity to encounter Jesus in real and tangible ways as the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned and to worship. But each and every day we have the opportunity to reject the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick and

imprisoned and to miss the opportunity to meet Jesus and to worship. Pray God that we might be so transformed that we see Christ in the other and live out our vocation as people of the Kingdom.

People: **Amen**

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (#4 Litany)

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, “**Lord, hear and have mercy.**”)

Leader: We pray for all who confess the name of Christ; fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy; be their joy and their strength.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression; grant them your salvation.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick and those who are dying; show them your kindness and mercy.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: We pray for one another; may we always be united in service and love.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war and injustice.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern, may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy. Amen**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

(Silence is kept.)

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

People: **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE:

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

All: **Father, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #5:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: we give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cared for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we

celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread and share in the life of the family of your children.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF BREAD #2:

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

LAMB OF GOD:

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

All: Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

THE DOXOLOGY:

All: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask of imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

NOTICES:

BLESSING:

Officiant: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL:

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Assisting today:

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Canon Simon Bell

Video:

This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:

The Bertelsen Family; Gail Jones; Boutier family; Judy & Don; Frances & Farrell; Arthur; Toby; Brody; Peggy Russell; Linda; Anthony Stone; Judy Hill; Ida; Lynn Venkat; Shirley Hatch; Edna Goyette; Frances McInnis; Ida; Cecilia Mowat; Alvin Maynard; Nova; Irene; Kayla; Kim Middaugh; Sally; Ron and Karen; Braedy; Karyn; Sharron Snider; Peter Hubbard; Sally Smith; Marilyn Lloyd.

The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God's healing touch and grace:

Lequita Adkins; Stephanie; Maggie Prentice; Rev. Janet Mitchell; Matthew Canning; Brenda; Jim & Barb Tomkins; Donna, Ray, Nancy & Chris Wilson; Lorraine Whitwell; John; Celeste & parents; Colleen; Stephen Bertelsen; Theresa & Pete; Valerie;

Darlene Jessem; Doreen; Derek; Sean; Rose McIntyre; Vayda; Barb Semsch; Rose Court; Phil & Kathy C.; Nancy Perault; Sharon Z; Adesh; Lisa Marie; Joyce Antony; Bill & Cathy Gray; Dave Lawrence; Livia & Neil Purcell; Sheila Green; Carrie Snow; Carl; Mark & Erin; Wally Raymond; Christine; Audrey Moody; Lynda Raye; Garn Mennell; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Michelle Sinclair and mom; Jane & Ron Lewis; Marilyn Foley; Bill Snow; Jen Galicinski; Arlene; Joan Gough; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Wendy Goodyer; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Diocese of Marathwada (North India)

In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Assembly 2022

Pass The Word

July 13, 2022

Funerals

Pat Ellis' funeral will be held at St. Margaret's on Friday, July 15th at 1:00 p.m.

Martin Bertelsen's funeral will be held at St. Margaret's on Saturday, July 23rd at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday Service

The Wednesday service for July 27th will be cancelled as that is the week of our Summer Day Camp.

Summer Camp Supplies

Just a reminder that for the next couple of weeks we are looking for jar lids and tin cans (washed with labels removed please).

Please just put them in a bag and leave on table outside my office.
Many thanks. Colleen

Summer Day Camp Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer to help with the camp for the week of July 25th to 29th please speak to Rev. Susan. We can always use more hands to assist. Thank you.

Men's Breakfast

Please join us at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday the 3rd of August for our monthly men's breakfast at the Breakfast House on Bayfield Street. Please contact Canon Simon at priest-stmargaretbarrie@toronto.anglican.ca for more information or to join the breakfast via Zoom.

Effect Hope

“Effect Hope” (Leprosy Mission) continues to collect stamps. Thank you to St. Margaret's. Keep up the worthwhile work. Please mind your stamp borders (1/4” surround borders needed). There is a sample shown on the Leprosy Envelopes on the Anglican Bulletin Board in front of the office. Thank you for your help.

Daily Devotions – team of writers at Good Shepherd, St. Margaret's and Trinity – contact Norm Savill nsavill@bell.net to be included or check the parish websites.

Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Sunday service. – Out for summer.

Rhubarb

If anyone has rhubarb, that they would like to donate to the church, we would appreciate receiving it for pie making for our Christmas Bazaar. It can be placed in the freezer in the kitchen. Thank you.

Messy Church

Our next Messy Church will resume in September. Fun and

fellowship for families. Crafts, story time, music, and prayers, simple supper. For more information contact Rev. Susan.

Movie Nights

We are going to alternate between Friday and Thursday nights for movies as we have some who would like to come out but can't make it on Fridays.

Thursday, **July 21**, 7:00 p.m. - Movie – **“Did You Hear About the Morgans?”** A comedy starring Hugh Grant, Sarah Jessica Parker, Sam Elliot, Mary Steenburgen.

******We would really appreciate donations to the foodbank for Movie Nights.******

Book Club

We will resume book club in September.

If you would like more information, please contact Michelle: michelle_e_sinclair@yahoo.ca OR 705-737-9895. Please feel welcome to join us even if you have not read the book.

Covid Update

We have returned to the Green Phase in our Diocesan response to Covid. This means that all restrictions have now been dropped including wearing of masks, physical distancing, sharing the Common Cup and hospitality around food. This means that we will need to exercise our own discretion and care and that we will need to respect the choices that others make. We will do our utmost to retain a safe and healthy space for worship and community activities. We will reintroduce the Common Cup for the Eucharist and coffee hour after services in June once we have ironed out some of the logistics of what that will take. Proof of vaccination will still be a requirement for those participation in leadership and ministry.

Covid Shot Update

Just a reminder that to be a volunteer at the church you must have your COVID immunization shots. If you have already told us of

your first two shots, thank you. If you have had any others since your 2nd shot, can you please bring in your confirmation showing the dates so we can update your record. Once again, thank you so much for volunteering to help our church.